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CITY, NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP ANNOUNCE RIBBON-CUTTING

READING – On Wednesday at noon, Mayor Thomas M. McMahon will lead a ribbon-cutting ceremony to launch a joint project between the City of Reading and the South of Penn Neighborhood Association. The city has installed solar-powered trash compactors at Fifth & Chestnut (where the ribbon-cutting will be held), Fifth and Franklin, and Fifth and Spruce Streets.

The pilot project will measure resident receptivity to the new devices, which require less maintenance than traditional trash cans, because they automatically compact the refuse and require fewer bag removals. The devices actually call a phone number to report when they are full.

"The South of Penn Neighborhood Group is really coming together and we are pleased that we can assist them in their efforts to clean up the area," Mayor McMahon said. "We are anxious to see if these new receptacles will have an impact."

Candice Mayton, president of the South of Penn Neighborhood Group, is helping to coordinate the group's beautification efforts. "These solar trash cans are an awesome addition to the community and will hopefully boost awareness and increase involvement."

Following the ceremony, a brief reception will be held at St. James Community Church at Fifth & Chestnut Streets.

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